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GEORGIA WHITE, Local Editor.

Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Rogers are entertaining Mrs. Rogers' aunt, Mrs. Susie Stokes of New York.

A daughter, Della May, weighing 11½ pounds, was born the 20th inst. to Mr. and Mrs. Oren Holbrook.

Miss Sadie Lamb of Northfield spent Sunday with her sister, Mrs. W. B. Viall, and went on to Boston Monday.

Salisbury Brothers' furniture factory has suspended operations this week to allow some repairs to be made on the engine.

Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Mead gave a delightful party to a dozen friends Friday evening at their residence on Randolph avenue.

The next regular meeting of the Randolph Woman's Literary club will be held with Miss Jennie Stewart Saturday afternoon, Nov. 30, at 3 o'clock.

Mrs. Bessie Blodgett has been nursing in the family of Jones Steele in Roxbury and today is with her son, Elmer, at Wetzel Webster's in that town.

C. McGee of Milton is the present night operator at the station, and the former incumbent, Percy Flint, has been transferred to Montpelier Junction.

Mr. and Mrs. William Mann had with them Sunday their son, George E. Mann, and two children, Master William and Miss Elizabeth, from Dewey's Mills.

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Wells came back Saturday from Cambridge, to which place they had been called by the death of Mr. Wells' brother-in-law, Nelson Church.

Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Bruce and two children of Hinsdale, N. H., were with Mr. Bruce's parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Bruce, last week from Thursday to Saturday.

Mrs. Helen Batchelder of Barre, who had been to New York, stopped here last Thursday on her way home and was the guest of Mrs. D. M. English until Saturday.

Mrs. Eliza Stoughton and her daughter, Mrs. L. H. Rumrill, went to Lowell, Mass., Monday to be present at the funeral of Mrs. Stoughton's brother, Daniel Eaton.

Robert B. Morton and family have moved from Mount Vernon, N. Y., to Montclair, N. J., where they are occupying the new house built by Mr. Morton on Fairfield street.

Mrs. E. E. Buck brought her visit in Randolph to a close Friday and went back to Lebanon, N.H., accompanied by her son, N. C. Buck, and family, who are spending today's festival there.

The Sanatorium Aid society will meet at the parlor of the Randolph Inn Monday afternoon, Dec. 2, at 3 o'clock. A good attendance is desired as there is business of importance to be considered.

Mrs. Gertrude Bixby of Northfield, who attended the Fourth District meeting of the Order of the Eastern Star here Wednesday of last week, remained until Friday with Mr. and Mrs. Frank Stillers.

Dr. and Mrs. H. G. Beekman witnessed the Harvard-Yale football game in Cambridge, Mass., Saturday as the guests of Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Tilden of Boston, with whom they had been staying since Thursday.

At the last Grange meeting Miss Annie Messer presented some Thanksgiving thoughts. Mrs. J. H. Bass and Miss Kate Connolly each read interesting and well-written papers on their travels South and West.

Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Mattson, whom the illness and death of Mrs. Mattson's mother, Mrs. Jennie M. Stevens, had summoned to Randolph three weeks before, left Saturday to visit a brother, Frank Stevens, in West Derry, N. H., going from that place back to Buffalo, N. Y.

Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Brooks are now located at Pasadena, Cal., for the winter and have gone to housekeeping on Galena avenue. They have lately been joined by Mrs. Brooks' sister, Mrs. Frank Thomas of Burlington, who went to California with them but stopped at Oakland until they should be definitely settled.

Clayton Trask has been succeeded at the White River Electric Light plant by Arthur Stoughton of South Royalton and has moved his family from Royalton to the Hayward cottage on Pleasant street.

Mrs. Trask's mother, Mrs. Willard Worthington—formerly Mrs. Walter Wyman of this village—is with them.

O. B. Hineckley of South Randolph appeared before Justice H. W. Vail Saturday to answer a complaint entered against him of cruelty to animals in not having suitable stables for his livestock. Mr. Hineckley claimed to think the charge unjustified but pleaded guilty as the easiest way out of the difficulty and paid a fine of \$5 with costs.

Mrs. Elbridge Gerry came from Lyndonville to attend the funeral of her brother, Edwin Church, which was held last Thursday from his late residence in Bethel Gilead. The deceased, whose death was due to pulmonary tuberculosis, was in his 71st year. Mrs. Gerry spent Friday in this village with Mrs. W. J. Blodgett and returned to Lyndonville the next day.

The trunk line of the Orange County Telephone company, on which C. S. Booth, Charles Godhart and Ray Ordway have been working, is completed to Northfield, giving the company direct communication with Montpelier. The house of William Holmes on South street and that of Sherman Spooner on the Rochester road have been connected with the Randolph exchange.

The Thanksgiving poultry shipment of H. M. Gaylord was sent to market Saturday and amounted to 7000 pounds, mostly turkeys. The prices paid were as follows:—Choice turkeys, 25 to 30 cents a pound; chickens, 12 to 14 cents; geese, 14 cents; ducks, 14 cents. E. W. Tewksbury & Co. shipped about a ton of poultry, paying from 25 to 30 cents a pound for turkeys, and at the rates quoted above for other feathered stock.

W. A. Hatch, an artist of Buffalo, N. Y., has bought the farm of Earle Huse on Fish hill, paying \$1275 for the land alone, and will take possession of the place in March. Mr. Huse has a touch of California fever and contemplates joining those Vermonters who represent their blissful state in that genial clime as leaning out of open windows in gauzy raincoat to pick oranges and roses all winter long. The sale of the property was made through the Strout Farm agency, of which E. S. Putnam of Bethel is agent.

Miss Marjorie Wheeler, who was badly injured in an automobile accident at Moline, Ill., the latter part of August, reached her home in White River Junction last Thursday. She had been under treatment at Moline ever since the accident for a fractured left elbow that was practically crushed. Her mother, Mrs. L. D. Wheeler, went to her as soon as possible after she was hurt and arrived last Thursday with her at the Junction, where they found Mrs. Wheeler's mother, Mrs. A. A. Smith, with the others awaiting them.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Kinney of Greensboro have undertaken the organization of new Sunday schools in this vicinity and the strengthening of old ones under direction of the American Sunday School Union of Philadelphia, whose work in Vermont is supported by Mrs. Frederick Billings of Woodstock. Mr. and Mrs. Kinney are established in this village, where they have rooms at Mrs. Emma Reed's and board at Charles Griswold's. Monday, they went to Boston for a holiday vacation of two weeks with Mrs. Kinney's father and at the end of that period will resume work hereabouts.

Death of Mrs. Jane Bruce.

Mrs. Jane (Hyde), widow of Samuel Bruce, died at half past twelve Friday morning at the age of 82 years. Cancer, aggravated by the infirmities of age and a heart trouble, had caused her intense suffering during the last four months and steadily preyed upon her enfeebled frame, to which only death could bring rest and release from pain.

Mrs. Bruce was born in Randolph but lived mostly in Brookfield until the death of her husband 29 years ago. Since then she had made her home with her children, to whom her presence was an inestimable comfort, and a great deal of her time was spent in this village with her daughter, Mrs. Johnson B. Sargent.

The latter part of July, she went to Brookfield to visit another daughter, Mrs. Jennie Seymour, and soon after her arrival was overtaken by the illness that proved to be her last.

The funeral was held from Mrs. Seymour's Saturday, Rev. J. E. Sweet of Brookfield officiating, and burial was made in the family lot at Braintree. Mrs. Bruce left five daughters, all of whom were present at the service—Mrs. J. B. Sargent of Randolph, Mrs. Jennie Seymour of Brookfield, Mrs. Ansel Moulthrop of Westminster, Mrs. E. Eastman of Barre and Mrs. Orlando Morse of Wilder.

Regarding Opera Costumes.

E. T. Salisbury, the manager of Chandler Music hall, in order to ascertain the nature of the costumes worn in the musical production of "Coming thro' the Rye," addressed a letter to F. M. McCloy, the director of the publicity department of the Rork company and has received the following reply:—

My Dear Sir:—

Answering your favor of October 23d, will say that "Coming thro' the Rye" has entertained the finest people in the various American cities for over two years. The production and the performance have been reviewed by newspaper critics who are themselves, in many cases, representative citizens of the communities in which they live, and there has ever been known an expression with reference to this entertainment which has not commended the clean, wholesome and entirely meritorious character of the entertainment.

There are characters which are dressed fittingly and it is simply a question of opinion as to their propriety. In the presentation of grand operas all the world over, there is invariably a dancing ballet and by the very nature of the work it is necessary that they wear what are known as ballet costumes.

The Rork company, owners of "Coming thro' the Rye," could not afford—and it would not—present an entertainment that could in any wise be construed as vulgar or unseemly. There are no costumes used in this production of "Coming thro' the Rye" that are not also seen in the productions of grand operas, as given in every city in the world, and surely there is no record of religious people refraining from attending grand opera on account of the costumes worn by the ballet.

The wives and daughters of the best homes in America have been taken, by husbands and parents, to see "Coming thro' the Rye" and you may be sure that your people may do likewise without any after regrets.

I trust this will prove entirely satisfactory to the good people of Randolph and I beg to remain,

Yours very truly,
F. M. McCloy.
New York, Oct. 25, 1907.

"COMING THRO' THE RYE."

Opera at Chandler Music Hall Dec. 4 with Company of 60 People.

It is apparent that a rarely enjoyable entertainment has been provided for Randolph at Chandler Music hall Wednesday evening, Dec. 4. It is the production of "Coming thro' the Rye," which has been one of the distinct successes all over the country, and concerning which enough has been said and written to carry conviction of genuine worth in every feature of the performance. There are sixty people in the presenting company, made up of comedians, singers and dancers, whose work is supplemented by a lavish sartorial equipment which is said to be without a parallel in recent productions of this character.

"Coming thro' the Rye" is the work of George V. Hobart, a humorous writer of distinction, who is responsible for many of the scores recently heard in musical plays and comic operas. These two names carry conviction of merit of an unusually high order, and it may be taken for granted at the outset that the work of librettist and composer will prove decidedly entertaining. Mr. Hobart is said to have evolved a strikingly original story of deft construction and admirable coherency, and to have devised incidents and situations of the kind which evoke uproarious laughter without recourse to those slap-jack, unreal elements which are drawn upon by most authors of musical comedy to create laughter. It is said that this play, "Coming thro' the Rye," could stand upon its merits as a comedy without the embellishments customary to works of the kind; and, this being the case, Mr. Hobart is entitled to credit for an accomplishment at once unique and praiseworthy. Mr. Sloan's score is described as musically correct, and at the same time to possess that jingling, "catchy" element which is so much enjoyed by all classes.

In the performance of the piece are many persons who have achieved distinction in their respective lines of work. Will H. Sloan, the principal comedian, has made a hit in "Coming thro' the Rye," which has earned a place for him in the front ranks of present day comic stars. It is admitted by all who have witnessed his performance that he is a comedian of rare accomplishments, who compels immoderate laughter by his clean-cut originality and his perfect understanding of those methods which distinguish the genuinely unctuous player of comedy. Elvia Crox, the leading feminine member of the company, is widely known, and is recognized as one of the cleverest comedienne on the American stage. In addition to her ability to play an important part effectively, she is a gifted monologist and her specialties are rated high.

With Mr. Sloan and Miss Crox in the principal parts, theatre goers may confidently expect much unusual enjoyment. But there are other comedians and vocalists in this organization whose names are widely known, and who may be depended upon to contribute to the general excellence of the performance. Among them may be mentioned Grace Turner, who will appear as Bossie Claude; Albertine Benson, who is Lolita, an artist's model; Alec B. Francis, who impersonates an English nobleman; Osborne Clomson, who assumes the character of VanDyck Browne, the portrait painter, and Carl Hoffman, who has a Western character called Cactus Claude. The people constitute a really extraordinary company, and their well-known achievements in the past guarantee a thoroughly high-class performance. The chorus numbers forty people, thirty of whom are famously known as the "Beauty Chorus." They are pretty, vivacious and thoroughly skilled in their work, and they have contributed materially to the splendid success which has been achieved by the production as a whole. The sale of seats begins Thursday, Nov. 28, at F. H. Joslyn's store.

The Honolulu Students Dec. 2.

The last attraction in the Randolph Entertainment course will be six Honolulu students from the Hawaiian islands, who will appear at Chandler Music hall Monday evening, Dec. 2, in a concert program of American and Hawaiian music.

Besides guitars, violins and flute, the orchestral club plays the native instruments—the ukulele and toropatch—and sings native songs, including the "Farewell Song," written by the ex-queen of the islands. Beautiful scenes from the home of the musicians and the work of native artists, will be shown in a series of illustrated songs, with lighting effects under the direction of an expert operator.

The students are natives of the several islands of the Hawaiian group, educated in the public schools and colleges of Honolulu, and among the best vocal and instrumental artists of their people. Professor Keouli organized them into a company six years ago and brought them to this country last season to appear with success in New York, Philadelphia and Boston. The troupe is composed of William Holona, Fred Kahoa, L. T. Keoulei, T. H. Kekaioni, S. Kahana and Madam, Ouehila.

Many of the schools of Honolulu make a specialty of music and drawing, and the Kilohana Art league is active in art, literature and music, holding semi-annual exhibitions and music festivals. The city has taken eagerly to the secret society notion and is as rich as any American village in fraternal organizations. It has an elegant Masonic temple and the first Grand Army post instituted outside of the United States.

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